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TAGS: ETRD, UR

SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL OFFICE PROPERTY IN MOSCOW

REF: MOSCOW 5469, 5137

1. STATE AND COMMERCE EMPHATICALLY CONCUR THAT FOR THE REASONS CITED BY THE EMBASSY THE PROPERTY OFFERED BY UPDK IS COMPLETELY UNSUITABLE FOR THE COMMERCIAL OFFICE. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAZARUS RAISED QUESTION IN THESE TERMS WITH ALKHIMOV ON MAY 16, EMPHASIZING THAT REMOTENESS, CONDITION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND CONFIGURATION MADE PREMISES UNSATISFACTORY. ALKHIMOV AGREED AND RECOMMENDED INFORMALLY THAT THE CHARGE PREPARE WRITTEN REQUEST FOR MFA ( HE EMPHASIZED THAT IT NOT BE ADDRESSED TO IVANOV AND SUGGESTED AN AIDE- MEMOIRE TO BE GIVEN EITHER TO FIRYUBIN OR KUZNETSOV. WE NOTE FIRYUBIN WAS ISSUED VISA FOR TRAVEL TO USA PER YOUR 5555. FYI. WE INTEND TO RAISE MATTER IN STRONG TERMS WITH

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FIRYUBIN. END FYI). ALKHIMOV SUGGESTED THAT THE REQUEST INCLUDE ARGUMENTS THAT

( A) THE PROPERTY OFFERED IS UNACCEPTABLE DUE TO DISTANCE, RUNDOWN NEIGHBORHOOD AND INTERIOR CONFIGURATION.

( B) SUCH A FACILITY WOULD BE A MAJOR DISADVANTAGE TO THE US BUSINESS COMMUNITY, WHO WOULD COMPLAIN STRENUOUSLY.

( C) SUCH COMPLAINTS WOULD GIVE CREDIBILITY TO ELEMENTS IN US SEEKING REASONS TO OPPOSE THE EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIP, WHICH WOULD BE DISADVANTAGEOUS TO BOTH THE US AND USSR.

( D) THE SOVIET COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR IN WASHINGTON AND THE KAMA PURCHASING COMMISSION IN NEW YORK HAVE BEEN OCCUPYING NEW AND CONVENIENTLY LOCATED FACILITIES FOR SOME TIME.

( E) IT WOULD BE AN UNFORTUNATE EMBARRASSMENT IF THIS MATTER IS NOT SETTLED SATISFACTORILY PRIOR TO SUMMIT II.

2. ALKHIMOV ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE AIDE- MEMOIRE SHOULD REQUEST A MEETING WITH PROMYSLOV TO ADVANCE THESE ARGUMENTS. LAZARUS JUDGES THAT ALKHIMOV WAS IMPLYING THAT PATOLICHEV CAN HAVE MAXIMUM EFFECT ON THE BASIS OF SUCH A WRITTEN REQUEST. HE REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THE NECESSITY FOR WRITTEN COMMUNICATION.

3. UNLESS EMBASSY PERCEIVES OBJECTION, STATE AND COMMERCE REQUEST THAT YOU MAKE APPROACH ALONG ABOVE LINES. OBVIOUSLY, THE FACT THAT THESE SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE BY ALKHIMOV SHOULD BE PROTECTED. RUSH

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